

ICRME Monthly Zoom Meeting Notes

August 19, 2020

Anna Rexik and Star Kirkland began with an overview of the agenda and housekeeping items.

Guest Speakers: Empress 19 Brandi Roberts and Marquis 47 Kaptain Inherpants were asked three questions:

1. How did you get your start in the community?
2. If comfortable, please share with us the process of your transition?
3. How can ICRME, local businesses and associations become better allies to the transgender community?
 - a. **Combination of Questions 1 and 2:** Brandi Roberts got her start at a very young age wearing mom and sister's clothes and enjoyed crossdressing. At the age of 25, she began transitioning and at the same time moved to Dallas where she frequented local gay bars. Gay bars in Dallas whose guests included drag queens had to wear a piece of men's clothing before stepping out of the gay bar per local enforcement. Employers were not as accepting but family was supportive and pronouns became a learning experience. As a transitioning hairdresser, co-workers felt that they had to explain Brandi to their clients. She would have felt more comfortable if people would have come to her with questions in a more private environment – if you deserved an answer you would have gotten one if she felt comfortable.
 - b. As Brandi mentioned, keep your friends close and your enemies closer. Some people do not get it – allies are there to trust and help fight the battle of transgender discrimination. Battles are being fought now similar to Stonewall. There is a current revolution for the new generation and the word needs to get out that it is mandatory to support your transgender community.

A question was asked of Brandi: Generational and tolerable – Is there tolerance of older transgender community with the younger generation of the transgender community. The older generation may not get it with the younger generation, but the older generation does not slip up much with pronoun usage. If pronoun usage is not used correctly with a transgender individual, then don't shout at the person, understand that the person just needs a little bit of education on pronoun usage. Biologically exceptions may include family members, for example, Melissa may call me dad because I am her biological dad.

A second question was asked of Brandi: Times feel unsafe expressing a person's "transgenderness" if you will. What are the boundaries and how do you deal with it? If you express yourself in a private conversation, 1:1, some people get it and some people do not. **EDUCATE** people around you, especially friends and family. Give them some time to think about it and let them come around. If you love yourself, then people will love you.

Kaptain Inherpants (Kyle Lambert)

- a. **Combination of Questions 1 and 2:** Kaptain came out 2.5 years ago. Kaptain served in the military as an interrogator, liaison, evidence collector and many other roles for 6 years. When he got out of the military, he re-connected with friends and they went to a drag show where he met Onyx. He was asked why he was not performing in drag. After many thoughts, he bought a suit at the local discount store and some crude make-up. He first performed in 2018 at the Cinco de Mayo show. More and more as he dressed in King Drag, he felt more comfortable performing and more comfortable in his skin. He realized he was transgender and in June of 2018 came out. He started transitioning in September of 2018. Unfortunately, the VA hospital did not provide the resources for his transition care, however Denver Health came to his rescue. He praised Kim Powell who used to be a Drag King for her support in his transition. The VA Hospital considered transitioning a psychological issue and anyone transitioning needed to see a psychologist.
Kaptain takes advantage of performing opportunities and has been a guest speaker at DU, MSU and CU of Denver. He believes in education and getting voices out to promote transgender education.
- b. Growing up, super tomboy in high school, Kaptain was raised in a strict Christian sheltered environment. After leaving high school to go to college out of state, there was no control or influence over him as a person. After losing interest in college, Kaptain joined the military in 2012 knowing they would pay for schooling, as college is expensive. During the latter part of his service, the Repeal of same sex marriage occurred.
- c. Allies are progressing for the transgender community. Pridefest 2019 was the year for the transgender community – recognition and identifying. Training is the number one priority for issues to be addressed and privately. Some issues that have come up though within the transgender community include drag vs king shows and bar staff. If a check is made out to a drag king, make sure you converse with him privately to inquire what name should be on the check to show respect towards that person, for example, ask “for tax purposes what name should be on the check?” Put effort into pronoun usage to help our transgender community feel more valid and welcome.

Kaptain was asked a question regarding training and education. Patience within the transgender community on people who are not used to communicating with them. Do not be aggressive and mean, but patient and consistent with recognizing pronoun usage.

Also, asked: Transphobic – an approach to a transman? If there is a preference for dating a transman, then specify. Lola Marie stated that if it doesn't work out then it doesn't. Converse about this subject and express feelings about it, which may include what, is “in the basement.”

Comment made that being introduced first_name-to-first name assists in determining and consistency of pronoun usage.

Question was asked about why use Trans when introducing yourself – if you are a man you are a man and if you are a woman you are a woman. Pride in being transgender and gives the idea of what he/she has sexually. You also understand them in a different way.

Monarch / PR Updates:

Star and Drew

- Wet and Wild event August 30 to benefit the Transgender Center of the Rockies and ICRME. The Venmo link will be posted for the event. Come on and buy those balloons to be thrown at our current reign.

Anna and Freddy

- The PR Picnic announcement will be coming out from Anna Rexik. The picnic will be postponed until further notice due to City and Covid-19 restrictions.

Congratulations to Josh for raising \$250 for the White Rose Scholarship and ICRME.

Board Updates:

No Board meeting was held.

Community Events:

- **Please let us know about any upcoming events. Email curtes_bowden@yahoo.com and he will get the event written down.**

8/22- PR Ball for the UCPPE at Club Q. \$15.00 admission. Dorrs at 5p.m. Show at 6p.m. Reservations required.

8/25- 47th Family Meeting at 7p.m. Via Zoom.

8/29- Rubber Duckey Round Up hosted by CGRA AND Tre Brebaker- Online video \$5.00 a rubber duck.

8/30- Wet N Wild from 2p.m. Hosted by the 47th Reign. Benefiting the Transgender Center of the Rockies and ICRME. Water Balloons Donation to get thrown at Fred Valdez, Anna Rexik, Star Kirkland, Drew Juarez, Freddy Mendoza, and Onyx Steele.

9/11- Fauxxy Fridays- XBar with Lacey Vanderpump. Show at 9p.,,

9/12- BTM 2 TOP- at Club Q. Joint Show with the UCPPE and ICRME. Dorrs at 4p.m. show at 5p.m.

9/13- We are Family Benefit Brunch- Wild Corgi- Noon-

9/16- ICRME Monthly Meeting 7:30 p.m.

9/25- F*ck Boy Fridays- 8:15 p.m. Hosted by Dustin Schlong

9/29- 47th Family Meeting 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom

10/9 through 10/16- Pampered Chef Part- Benefiting Feeding Denver's Hungry and ICRME. Online Event

10/21- ICRME Monthly Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday- Manifest Drag Troupe- 8p.m. Pride and Swagger

Every Wednesday- Bingo ay Hamburger Mary's from 7pm till 9pm

Every Saturday- Brunch with the Brunch B*t#h - Saturdays at Hamburger Marys. Reservations required. 11a.m. till 2p.m.

Every Sunday- Drag Brunch Sundays at Hamburger Mary's. 11 a.m. till 2 p.m.

2nd Sunday of the Month- We are Family Organization Benefit Show- Wild Corgi at Noon

1st and 3rd Sunday- Drag Queen Brunch for All Ages- Wild Corgi at Noon

Every Sunday- Beer Bust from 4pm- 8pm Denver Triangle

3rd Sunday- Ratchet Hosted by Felony Misdemeanor- Dazzle

Black Diamonds- 1st Saturday of the Month X Bar

Beer Bust Every Sunday at the Denver Triangle from 4pm till 8pm

Our next monthly ICRME Meeting will be September 16th at 7:30 pm via Zoom.